

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing oltipraz, comprising reacting methyl 2-methyl-3-(pyrazin-2-yl)-3-oxopropionate with phosphorus pentasulfide in the presence of a mixed solvent of toluene and xylene under reflux to produce an oltipraz crude crystal, followed by recrystallization, wherein a volume ratio of toluene to xylene in the mixed solvent is in a range of 1:1 to 1:4.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the methyl 2-methyl-3-(pyrazin-2-yl)-3-oxopropionate is prepared by condensation reaction of methyl pyrazine-2-carboxylate and methyl propionate in the presence of a strong base.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the strong base is potassium t-butoxide.
5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein a solvent for the condensation reaction is tetrahydrofuran.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a solvent for the recrystallization is selected from the group consisting of acetonitrile, methanol, N,N-dimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide, and a mixed solvent thereof.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein acetonitrile in an amount of 30 to 40 parts by volume, based on 1 part by weight of the oltipraz crude crystal, is used for the recrystallization.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein a mixed solvent of N,N-dimethylformamide in an amount of 15 to 20 parts by volume and acetonitrile in an amount of 30 to 40 parts by volume, based on 1 part by weight of the oltipraz crude crystal, is used for the recrystallization.

9. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein a mixed solvent of N,N-dimethylformamide in an amount of 15 to 20 parts by volume and methanol in an amount of 30 to 40 parts by volume, based on 1 part by weight of the oltipraz crude crystal, is used for the recrystallization.